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SUBJECT: IVP GRANT NOMINATION: BOLESŁAW WOJCIECHOWICZ

1. THE EMBASSY HEREBY NOMINATES BOLESŁAW WOJCIECHOWICZ, RECTOR,
POZNAN POLYTECHNIC, FOR A FY-75, 15-DAY PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL
VISITORS GRANT.

2. BIO-DATA:

A. NAME: BOLESŁAW WOJCIECHOWICZ.

B. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: JANUARY 2, 1927, POSTAWY, POLAND.

C. CITIZENSHIP: POLISH.

D. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: BONIN ST. 16, APT. 10, POZNAN,
POLAND.

E. ACADEMIC TRAINING:

1946-50: HIGHER SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING - ENGINEER;
1954-56: POZNAN POLYTECHNIC - MASTER-ENGINEER;
1963: KRAKOW POLYTECHNIC - DOCTOR OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES;
1967: KRAKOW POLYTECHNIC - ADVANCED DOCTORATE DEGREE.

F. PRESENT POSITION: RECTOR, POZNAN POLYTECHNIC.

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G. PAST POSITIONS:

1968-72: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, POZNAN POLYTECHNIC.
1969-72: VICE-RECTOR, POZNAN POLYTECHNIC.
1970: DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF MACHINER.
SINCE 1972: RECTOR, POZNAN POLYTECHNIC.

H. MEMBERSHIPS:

MEMBER OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS PARTY.
MEMBER OF THE UNION OF POLISH TEACHERS.
MEMBER OF THE MAIN COUNCIL OF SCIENCE, HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY.
MEMBER OF MACHINE BUILDING COMMITTEE OF POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

I. DECORATIONS:

CAVALIER CROSS OF POLONIA RESTITUTE ORDER.

J. PREVIOUS TRAVELS:

1971: USSR.
1973: NETHERLANDS.
1974: FRANCE, GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

K. PUBLICATIONS:

BETWEEN 1952-75, MR. WOJCIECHOWICZ PUBLISHED 32 WORKS IN POLAND AND ABROAD (IN ENGLISH AND GERMAN). HE SPECIALIZES IN VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF MECHANICS.

L. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: AN ESCORT INTERPRETER IS REQUIRED.

M. OTHER LANGUAGES SPOKEN: RUSSIAN, GERMAN.

N. MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN.

3. PROGRAM PROPOSALS:

A. WASHINGTON, D.C.: WOJCIECHOWICZ WOULD LIKE TO FLY TO NEW
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YORK ON SUNDAY, MAY 4, AND THEN ON TO WASHINGTON ON THAT DAY OR THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. HE WISHES TO SPEND MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FINALIZING HIS PROGRAM. WHILE IN TOWN HE WOULD LIKE TO DO A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING AND TO MEET WITH DR. JACEK FISIAK (CONTACT THROUGH THE CENTER OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS).

B. GAINSEVILLE, FLORIDA: MR. WOJCIECHOWICZ WILL FLY TO GAINES-

VILLE, FLA. ON THE 7TH, STAYING THROUGH THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY, MAY 13, ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, THE RECTOR'S STATE DEPARTMENT TRANSLATOR/GUIDE SHOULD JOIN HIM IN GAINESVILLE TO BEGIN THE IVP PORTION OF THE VISIT. IF THE IVP IS TO BE FUNDED FOR 15 DAYS, MAY 28 WOULD BE THE FINAL DAY OF WOJCIECHOWICZ' STAY. HOWEVER, HE DOES HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO STAY THROUGH THE FINAL DAY OF THE MONTH AND COULD LEAVE FOR POLAND ON SATURDAY, MAY 31.

4. RECTOR WOJCIECHOWICZ WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL INTEREST:

A. AT GAINESVILLE, AND ELSEWHERE IF POSSIBLE, THE QUESTION OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN POZNAN POLYTECHNIC AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

B. TECHNICAL TEACHING METHODOLOGY, THEORY, AND PRACTICE. HE WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO VISIT THE WELL-DEVELOPED PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF ILLINOIS (CHAMPAIGN/URBANA) AND MICHIGAN.

C. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION: HE IS INTERESTED IN BOSTON UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, BUT WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT ANY LARGE UNIVERSITY WITH A STRONG ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND ONE GOOD SMALL UNIVERSITY.

D. PURE RESEARCH AS CONDUCTED AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES: M.I.T. IS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST OF SCHOOLS HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT. HE IS MOST INTERESTED IN THE FIELD OF THE THEORY OF MECHANICAL FRICTION, WEAR, AND LUBRICATION.

E. THE ROLE OF COMPUTERIZATION IN AMERICAN EDUCATION IN GENERAL, FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THROUGH UNIVERSITY.

5. WOJCIECHOWICZ IS FOND OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AND WOULD LIKE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING.

6. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET IN THE U.S., TIME AND ITINERARY PERMITTING:

BENJAMIN S. BLOOM, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.
J. THOMAS HASTINGS, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.
L.K. ZINN, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.
ROBERT FLASER, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.
RICHARD B. LESIS, SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE.
W.P. MASON AND M. FREUDENTAL, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.
R. MCMASTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

7. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, AND GIVEN THAT NONE OF RECTOR WOJCIECHOWICZ'S REQUESTS REPRESENT ABSOLUTE DEMANDS, THE EMBASSY

RECOMMENDS A PROGRAM BEGINNING AT GAINESVILLE, CONTINUING
NORTH FOR VISITS TO BOSTON UNIVERSITY, M.I.T., AND, PERHAPS,
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, CROSSING WEST TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN, AND ENDING IN BERKELEY, CALIF. THESE UNIVERSITIES
HAVE AMONG THEM THE PEOPLE AND FACILITIES THAT OUGHT EASILY
TO SATISFY THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERESTS INDICATED BY THE RECTOR.
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